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1. OMAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER BENNETT TOLD AMBASSADOR AT APRIL 21 SOCIAL ENCOUNTER HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SCHEDULED MEETING ABOUT MASIRAH AT 10:00 APRIL 23 AT FONMIN ZAWAWI'S OFFICE, WHICH DEFENSE MINISTRY DIRECTOR BROWNING AND BENNETT ALSO WOULD ATTEND. AMB. RESPONDED HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THIS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED, THOUGH FONMIN PROTOCOL HAD NOT YET INFORMED EMBASSY. BENNETT, VERY SURPRISED, SAID HE WAS SEEING ZAWAWI NEXT DAY AND WOULD TRY AND MAKE SURE MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY PROMPTLY.

2. EARLY APRIL 23 BENNETT PHONED AMB. TO REGRET HE HAD BEEN WRONG ABOUT THE MEETING. IT WOULD BE "VERY SOON" BUT NOT TODAY.

3. COMMENT: THIS CURIOUS EPISODE INDICATES SOAF IS READY TO ADDRESS ANY LOGISTICS OR STRICTLY AIRFIELD OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF MASIRAH FLIGHTS BUT THAT ZAWAWI NEEDS A BIT MORE TIME ON SOME OTHER ELEMENTS. ZAWAWI HIMSELF HAS LARGELY DROPPED FROM

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SIGHT SINCE LATE MARCH, AND NO ONE OTHER THAN BENNETT HAS MENTIONED MASIRAH TO US. EQUERRY LANDON RETURNED FROM ABROAD FOR BRIEF PERIOD, THEN LEFT AGAIN BUT IS DUE BACK MARCH 26 PRESENTATION IS UNINTENTIONAL, THOUGH IF IT CONTINUES INTO MAY WE MAY BEGIN TO REGARD IT AS DELIBERATE.
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